

Definition of Terms

Public Entity: (a) Any state or local government; (b) Any department, agency, special service district, or other instrumentality of one or more state or local governments; (c) Amtrak and any commuter authority.

Private Entity: Any entity other than a public entity.

Demand-Responsive System: Any system of transporting individuals, including the provision of designated public transportation service by public entities and the provision of transportation service by private entities, including, but not limited to, specified public transportation service which is not a fixed-route system.

Fixed-Route System: A system of transporting individuals (other than by aircraft), including the provision of designated public transportation service by public entities and the provision of transportation service by private entities, including, but not limited to, specified public transportation service, on which a vehicle is operated along a prescribed route according to a fixed schedule.

Designated Public Transportation: Transportation provided by a public entity (other than public school transportation), by bus, rail, or other conveyance (other than by aircraft) that provides the general public with general or special service, including charter service, on a regular and continuing basis.

Specified Public Transportation: Transportation by bus, rail, or any other conveyance (other than aircraft) provided by a private entity to the general public, with general or special service (including charter service) on a regular and continuing basis.

Remanufactured Vehicle: A vehicle which has been structurally restored and has had new or rebuilt major components installed to extend its service life.

Over-the-road bus: A bus characterized by an elevated passenger deck located over a baggage compartment.

Paratransit: Comparable transportation service required by the ADA for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use fixed-route transportation systems.

Applying DOT Regulations to Private Business

Nature of Business	Type of Business	Seating Capacity	Effective Date	Requirement
*Offers transportation as auxiliary service	Fixed-route	More than 16	Aug. 26, 1990	Acquire accessible vehicle
		16 or fewer	Aug. 26, 1990	Acquire accessible vehicle, unless system as a whole is accessible
	Demand-responsive	More than 16	Aug. 26, 1990	Acquire accessible vehicle, unless system as a whole is accessible
		16 or fewer	n/a	Accessible service must be equivalent
*Primarily engaged in providing transportation	Fixed-route	More than 8	Aug. 26, 1990	Acquire accessible vehicle
	Demand-responsive	More than 8	Aug. 26, 1990	Acquire accessible vehicle, unless system as a whole is accessible
	Either	Fewer than 8	Feb. 25, 1992	Acquire accessible vehicle, unless system as a whole is accessible

***Does not include over-the-road buses.**